



COVID-END partners coordination call

Notes from 23 July 2020

<https://zoom.us/j/6163788736>

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. *Jeremy welcomed two participants who joined the call on behalf of colleagues who are on holidays:*
 - i. *Toni Tan, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence*
 - ii. *Bey-Marrie Schmidt, Cochrane South Africa*

2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- a. *Jeremy pointed partners to four attachments:*
 - i. *COVID-END partners list (see attachment 2)*
 - ii. *Review partner notes from July 16th (see attachment 3)*
 - iii. *Review co-chairs meeting notes from July 21st (see attachment 4)*
 - iv. *Review action items tracker (see attachment 5)*

3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES

- a. *Jeremy explained the opportunity we have to present to commissioners/funders of research at the following event: [Ensuring Value in Research \(EViR\)](#) (funders' forum) [webinar](#) on 30 July from 9:30-11:00 EDT (see attachment 6) -*
- b. *John briefly walked partners through the slides that address:*
 - i. *achievements, with the major update being the new bullet point about COVID-19 knowledge hubs*
 - ii. *priorities, which include:*
 - 1. *COVID-END Community, which has now launched*
 - 2. *inventory of 'best evidence syntheses,' which will profile all available living reviews in the coming days (and then move on to all full reviews, all rapid reviews, and all protocols)*
 - 3. *horizon scanning, with the date of first meeting confirmed (29 July at 7am EDT) and with 16 of 20 confirmed members able to attend the first meeting (and follow-ups are in progress with the 22 invitees we haven't yet heard from)*
- c. *Jeremy briefly walked partners through the first draft of the proposed key messages for commissioners/funders*
 - i. *Alfonso suggested that we include in the commissioning the requirement that the evidence product and the intermediary products be made available for advanced searching and reuse (in a sort of open-access licensing)*
 - ii. *Sally suggested acknowledging indirect contributions EViR funders to COVID-END initiatives and partners*
 - iii. **ACTION:** *Partners to review the draft slides (particularly slides 11-13 with the key messages for partners) and provide feedback by Tuesday 28 January*
 - iv. *John provided a brief update about new webpages that have been added (COVID-19 Knowledge Hubs, COVID-END Community), new webpage that will be added (horizon*

scanning), existing webpages that have been edited (four parts of the taxonomy, which have now been converted to the tables that will present details about 'best evidence syntheses'), and existing webpages that will be edited ('methods' webpages for the taxonomy, which will be updated to focus on the methods for the living inventory)

4. UPDATE FROM DIGITIZING WORKING GROUP

- a. *Alfonso Iorio provided a demonstration of the 'enhance my RIS file' service (attachment 7)*
- b. *Jeremy identified the importance of conducting a scan of each database's meta-data so they all know what data they can potentially access from one another's databases, the importance of engaging information scientists in a discussion about next steps, and the importance of flagging how a requirement for sharing meta data could be operationalized at little cost using the 'improve my RIS file' service by any grant recipient*
- c. **ACTION:** Partners who maintain evidence databases to share the slides with their information scientists and encourage them to explore possibly uses
- d. **ACTION:** Digitizing group to consider scanning what meta-data exist across major repositories and what might be most useful to share

5. NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS

- a. *Jeremy pointed partners to the Evidence Synthesis International (ESI) Position statement published in Systematic Reviews <https://rdcu.be/bJyTc>, which is also included in COVID-END's Scoping working group's terms of reference and referenced in COVID-END's principles*

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. *Lesley Stewart noted that PROSPERO has been awarded funding from the UK's National Institute of Health Research to help PROSPERO process the additional volume of registration arising from COVID-19 (1721 to date), as well as to help support COVIDEND coordination including making use of PROSPERO data*
- b. *Jeremy reminded partners about the adjusted summer meeting schedule, with no partner meeting, no co-chairs meeting and no working group meetings scheduled for the weeks of*
 - i. *August 3rd – August 7th*
 - ii. *August 31st - September 4th*